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<p align="center"><b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b></p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Application Number	08/932,543
	Filing Date	September 17, 1997
	First Named Inventor	Yasushi Kawakura
	Art Unit	2611
	Examiner Name	H. Tran
	Attorney Docket Number	001701.39203

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other Additional Claim Fees

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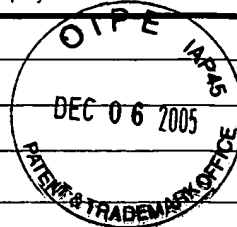
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for FY 2005**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ ) 990

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) Fee (\$ ) 50 Small Entity Fee (\$ ) 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) Fee (\$ ) 200 Small Entity Fee (\$ ) 100

Multiple dependent claims Fee (\$ ) 360 Small Entity Fee (\$ ) 180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee(\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
24	- 20 or HP= 4	x \$50	= \$200	Fee (\$ ) Fee Paid (\$ )

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee(\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
12	- 12 or HP= 0	x \$200	=

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
_____	- 100 = _____	/ 50 = _____	(round up to a whole number) x	= _____

**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge) : Request For Continuation Examination (RCE) Transmittal \$790

**SUBMITTED BY**

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